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ABSTRACT

This booklet, part of a series of profiles on family support and education programs across the United States, contains profiles of five diverse programs designed to improve the future of children through family-focused and comprehensive service delivery. Programs examined are North Dakota's Child Welfare Reform Initiative, Iowa's Decategorization of Child Welfare Services Project, Florida's Full Service Schools, Brattleboro's (Vermont) Early Education Services, and Boston's (Massachusetts) Medical-Legal Services Project. Each profile includes a history of the initiative, a description of the program, and reflections on the past and future by the state- or local-level director. Programs involve participants through advisory boards, serving as resources for one another, and they evolve to meet participant concerns through individual or community-based assessment. They also strive to be sensitive to the cultural characteristics of the communities they serve. Contains a list of selected readings on collaboration. (GLR)

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